

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 Jun 59		2. LOCATION Washington, D.C.		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2. 04/0800Z</u> GMT <u>04/0300Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1. 20 - 30 secs 2. 2 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE W to E	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1. Orange colored obj, about the size of Jupiter, traveled in a flat trajectory fm horizon to horizon. 2. Copy info fm 04/0300Z card Large, orange, star-shaped obj, somewhat like very large satellite. Very bright. Obj traveled horizontally across sky. Manner of disappearance was obscured by trees.				11. COMMENTS It is concluded that the obj was probably a fireball of unusual endurance. Correlated w/additonal rpt. Possible overestimation on duration of second rpt.	

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<p>COORDINATION:</p> <p>AFCIN-4E4 <u>George J. Brown</u> DATE <u>3 Jun 59</u></p> <p>AFCIN-4E <u>Mont</u> DATE <u>6/5/59</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">COL RETHMAN</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">COL HOFFMAN</p>							
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<p>/UNCLASSIFIED/FROM: AFCIN-4E4g <u>7-1542-E</u></p> <p>AFIN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, OUR MSG AFCIN-4E4g 6-1167-E, DTD 5 JUNE 1959, REQUESTING AN INVESTIGATION OF AN UFO SIGHTING. REQUEST THIS OFFICE BE INFORMED OF THE STATUS OF SUBJECT INVESTIGATION.</p> <p>COORDINATION:</p> <p>AFCIN-4E4g <u>George T. Gray</u> <i>C. J. 10504</i> DATE <u>24 Jul 59</u>  <i>for Col Rethman</i></p> <p>AFCIN-4E <u>W. Hoff</u> DATE <u>7/24/59</u>  <i>Col Hoffman</i></p>					
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OBSERVER CONTACTED BUT WAS UNABLE TO GIVE ANY ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION NOT ALREADY SUPPLIED IN INITIAL UFO REPORT OF  
4 JUN 1959.

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June 4 1959

Headquarters, U. S. Air Force  
Pentagon, Washington DC.

Attention: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Division

Dear Sirs:

I wish to report an unusual "sighting" made last evening by my wife and I from the top of the ~~house~~ in which we live.

The object "rose" in the west at approximately the same point where the sun, that afternoon, had set. We had gone up on the roof about 11 p.m. and were about to descend when we both saw, almost from the instant of its first appearance, an object which seemed like a very distant ball and which moved at a very fast rate of speed from horizon to horizon. It moved from west to east, disappearing over the eastern horizon, and no noise of any kind accompanied it. It was orange in color and its apparent size seemed about that of Jupiter, ~~which~~ which, at the time, was visible to the south of us and well up in the sky; Venus was clearly visible, and very white, a little north of west of where we stood. I thought the object was orange in the direction of yellow on the spectrum, my wife thought it was reddish orange (we were a little excited at the amazing sight, I guess, which caught us completely unprepared for detailed and objective observing). We estimated that the object required from ~~22~~ 20 to 30 seconds to pass across the sky. Counting back the minutes after it disappeared (and after we recovered our composure) we estimate that it was visible to us during part of the minute from 2302 and 2303 EDT.

I am a retired Air Force officer, following 14 years of service which ended in October 1955, and I know 1) that this was no ~~xxxx~~ aircraft. It had no pulsating light, as aircraft always show over inhabited areas and near airports. There was no green light as it came toward us and no red light as it moved away. It was a steady, unchanging orange light that never varied throughout its entire trajectory. We debated whether it could have been a light on the belly of a fast-moving jet, but it seems impossible that such a light would have been visible when the object was low on the horizon when it rose, and again when it was low on the horizon when it set. I feel equally sure it was 2) no meteor, for it was visible ~~for~~ for nearly half a minute, left no "trail," and had a trajectory so flat as to have ruled it out as a meteor as far as anything I have ever seen or read about meteors' paths (I have made a hobby of astronomy for years and am a past member of the Amateur Astronomers Association of New York). We also know 3) that it was neither Venus nor ~~Jupiter~~ Jupiter for we both noted its position relative to these two planets during the "long" period of its transit.

We are deeply interested in this matter and would appreciate hearing anything you could inform us about it, also whether you have had any other reports about it. Neither one of us is likely to feel "swept off our feet" by a sighting like this, but we definitely feel we have seen something very real and very unusual.

Sincerely yours,



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Sincerely yours,

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Washington 8, D.C.

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Lt. Col. (Ret.)  
U. S. Air Force  
[REDACTED]

Copies: Wright-Patterson AFB  
Vandenberg AFB  
Naval Observatory, Washington DC

P.S. I am former [REDACTED] of the Hq USAF periodical "Air Intelligence Digest" (1948-52) and the "FEAF Intelligence Roundup" (1952-55).



UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location WASHINGTON D.C.

Date 3 JUNE 1959 Hour (Z) 2302 ZDS 0302 Z

WX CLEAR

Description APPROXIMATELY THE SIZE OF JUPITER  
REDDISH - ORANGE OR YELLOW - ORANGE.

Direction of Motion WEST TO EAST.

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone ~~6000~~) OBJECT FIRST SEEN AZIMUTH  
APPROX. 253° LAST SEEN 113½° < VELOCITY 123°/30 SEC TOO FAST.

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) UNUSUAL ENDURANCE  
BUT MOST PROBABLY A METEOR.

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) —

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) —

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. < VELOCITY MUCH TOO FAST  
FOR AIRCRAFT. - ABSENCE OF NOISE PUTS OBJECT SOME DISTANCE AWAY.

Other POSSIBLE SEARCH LIGHT, BUT WITNESSES SHOULD  
HAVE SEEN THE BEAM ON A CLEAR NIGHT.

Evaluation of Source Reliability PROBABLY GOOD - 1

Analysis and Conclusions: AT 250 MILES WHEN FIRST SEEN OBJECT  
WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A SPEED OF APPROXIMATELY 63,800 m.p.h.  
TO GO FROM HORIZON TO HORIZON 123° IN 10 SECONDS. —  
THIS OBJECT HAS ALL THE INDICATIONS OF A FIRE-BALL  
OF AN UNUSUALLY LONG DURATION — THE DESCRIPTION  
AND THE SPEED FITS, HOWEVER THE ABSENCE OF OTHER  
WITNESSES IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND. —  
IT IS CONCLUDED THAT THE WITNESSES  
PROBABLY SAW A "FIREBALL" OF UNUSUAL ENDURANCE.

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